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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$110190.
 - \$96750 for 5375 total claims over 20.
 - \$13440 for 168 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 111030.

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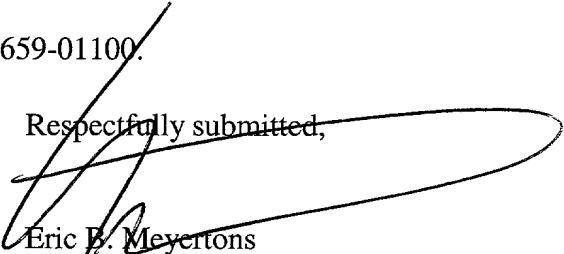
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- (1) Copy of Form PTO-1533, Notice to File Missing Parts - Filing Date Granted (1 page);
- (2) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page);
- (3) Originally executed Assignment (3 pages);
- (4) Originally executed Declaration (4 pages);
- (5) Preliminary Amendment (50 pages);
- (6) Marked Up Version of Amendments (42 pages);

- (7) Clean Version of Title Page (1 page);
- (8) Marked Up Version of Title Page (1 page);
- (9) Fee Authorization in the amount of \$1,996.00 to cover the filing fee for a small entity as follows (2 pages):
 - \$ 710.00 -- basic filing fee;
 - \$ 1,116.00 -- surcharge for excess claims;
 - \$ 130.00 -- surcharge for late filing of declaration and fee;
 - \$ 40.00 -- assignment recordation fee;
- (10) A return postcard.

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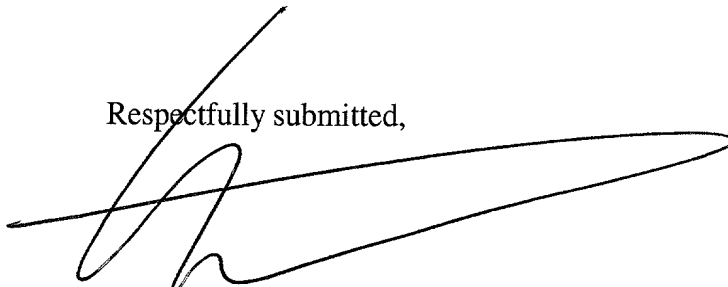
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